

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY, HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013, 7:00 P.M., MULTI PURPOSE
ROOM #2, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG,
VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Gary Creed	-Chair
	James Politis	-Member
	Christopher Tuck	-Member
	Annette Perkins	-Member
	Mary Biggs	-Secretary-Treasurer
	William Brown	-Vice Chair
	Robert C. Fronk	-PSA Director
	Karri Cridlin	-Secretary to PSA Board
	Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	Marty McMahon	-County Attorney
	Joel Donahue	-Planning Commission

ABSENT: Matthew Gabriele

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Creed called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION

Mr. William Price addressed the Board about supplying water to properties along Oilwell Road and Southwoods Drive.

DELEGATION

Ms. Ferne Moschella with Warm Hearth addressed the Board about the need and desire for water to be supplied to Warm Hearth from Merrimac Road.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by James Politis, seconded by Mary Biggs, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby approves as corrected the Consent Agenda, dated January 07, 2013.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Gary Creed		Matthew Gabriele
James Politis		
William Brown		
Christopher Tuck		
Annette Perkins		
Mary Biggs		

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
DATED NOVEMBER 05, 2012**

On a motion by James Politis, seconded by Mary Biggs, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby approves the minutes dated November 05, 2012.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE

Gary Creed
Christopher Tuck
James Politis
William Brown
Mary Biggs
Annette Perkins

NAY

ABSENT

Matthew Gabriele

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for period ending December 31, 2012, was presented for review and discussion

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Monthly Activities Report

The monthly activities report was presented for review.

2. Riner Sewage Treatment Plant Copper and Zinc Removal System

The current Riner Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) permit issued September 21, 2008 included new stringent limits for copper and zinc which become effective September 21, 2012. The stringent copper and zinc permit limits are due to the small receiving stream to which the STP discharges. We selected an "end of process" ion exchange system using specifically charged media in canisters to treat STP flow upstream of the UV system. This system is designed to specifically capture copper and zinc on the contractor supplied media/ canisters and when the media is exhausted, the contractor will reconstitute the exhausted media at the contractor's facility. We completed the system installation during the second week of September 2012 with system start-up on September 20, 2012.

We experienced operational concerns after start-up due to several issues. We worked through several solutions with limited improvements. We met on-site with the contractor to evaluate and review options on October 31, 2012. Based upon this evaluation and the contractor's recommendation, we installed a bag filter on the pump supply to the canisters. The bag filter was placed into service on November 28, 2012 which improved operations but not to the level expected.

We re-evaluated the system operation and are developing options to address the operational concerns.

3. Riner Sewage Treatment Plant Warning Letter

We received a Warning Letter dated December 6, 2012 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a violation of the Copper permit limit. This violation was from samples collected during the period when the Riner STP suffered a hydraulic overload on September 30, 2012 which washed solids into the metals removal system that fouled the canisters. Additional violations of the Copper or other permit limits may result in additional DEQ action.

4. Riner Sewage Treatment Plant Permit Renewal

The current Riner STP permit issued by the DEQ will expire January 30, 2013. We submitted all required information and applications several months ago as required for permit renewal. A draft permit prepared by DEQ has been received and reviewed. Several of the existing permit limits will change slightly. A public comment period for

December 23, 2012 to January 21, 2013 has been advertised in the Roanoke Times "Burgs" section.

5. Water Break at Rowe Furniture

On Thursday August 23, 2012, a large water main break occurred in the 10" fire main within the Rowe Furniture property. A large volume of water (+/- 750,000 gallons) was lost due to this break. It was unclear as to the ownership of the water main as all records on hand are inconclusive. Because of the water loss, business shutdown and uncertain documentation, the PSA Director agreed to have the PSA maintenance crew fix the break with the understanding that the PSA would seek reimbursement if the water main turned out to be Rowe's responsibility.

We have researched all available records from the PSA, Economic Development, design engineers and Montgomery County Courthouse. We did not find any record of a public water line easement for the 10" fire main during this review. Without a public easement, the fire main would be considered private. Meetings were held with Rowe on October 12, 2012 and November 8, 2012 to review. Rowe representatives had not found conclusive documentation relative to ownership and requested additional time to investigate.

We notified Rowe staff on January 2, 2013 that without additional information, we are taking the position that the water line is private since there is no public easement.

6. Water Line Easement in Former Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School Property

We have requested that Montgomery County provide a new public water line easement along the western property line of the former Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School property prior to sale of this property. We have provided documents to the County Attorney to facilitate this request.

We currently have an aged small diameter metal line through the adjoining property. The location of this water line is uncertain, without dedicated easement and through difficult terrain. The new easement will allow future relocation of the existing water line in a more favorable location for construction and maintenance.

7. Riner and Woodview Water Systems Inspections

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) conducted their annual inspections of the Riner and Woodview water systems on November 27, 2012. The VDH inspector commended the PSA for "continuing to take steps in improving the operation and maintenance of the waterworks."

8. Sick Leave Bank Request

We have received requests from two employees for utilization of the sick bank. One of the requests has been processed and the second should be processed shortly.

9. Information on PSA Transforming to County Utility Department

A discussion was held during the November 5, 2012 relative to transforming the PSA to a County Utility Department with information referenced from previous reviews of this issue in June and August 2000. That information, along with three additional items was included in the December 3, 2012 Director's Report for review.

The information provided with the December 2012 Director's Report is attached for review and discussion.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS' REPORT

Member Gabriele	-Absent
Member Politis	-No Report
Member Perkins	-No Report
Member Brown	-No Report
Member Tuck	-No Report
Member Biggs	-No Report
Member Creed	-No Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned this meeting to the next meeting scheduled for February 4, 2013.